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Soils and Fertilization

NEW ADULT AG COURSES AT NONNEWAUG OFFERED THROUGH PARTNERSHIP WITH DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE, NAUGATUCK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

By Steve Jensen, Office of Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky

Three pilot agricultural training courses designed to help beginning and established farmers sharpen their production skills are being offered this fall through a collaboration between the Department of Agriculture, the state Board of Regents for Higher Education, the Ellis Clark Regional Agriscience and Technology Center at Nonnewaug High School and Naugatuck Valley Community College (NVCC).

The non-credit courses in soil fertility, integrated pest management, and tractor operation, repair and maintenance are the product of more than two years of stakeholder outreach by the Governor's Council for Agricultural Development (GCAD), chaired by Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky.

"These courses are the result of the Council listening very carefully to farmers and other stakeholders who have repeatedly expressed a need for practical, hands-on training in production and associated topics," Reviczky said. "I am optimistic that this pilot will develop into a vital educational resource that will provide a generation of new farmers the opportunity for success."

The courses will be held on Thursday evenings from Oct. 9 through Nov. 20 at Nonnewaug High School in Woodbury. The Integrated Pest Management class will be led by George Fletcher Jr, a licensed Arborist who has worked with agricultural businesses throughout his career.

It will feature simulated laboratory and real-world scenarios to develop and use integrated pest management techniques and protocols for agricultural operations.

The course also will focus on principles and mechanisms for controlling a wide variety of pests, including insects, weeds, and plant pathogens, and technical information necessary to improve production and harvest.

Soils and Soil Fertilization will be taught by Gregory Bugbee of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, who will cover the physical properties and biological processes that affect

agricultural soils and fertility and the procedures associated with soil analysis and fertilization management.

The goal is for students to come away with an understanding and decision-making skills related to the various methods used for amending soils, as well as their advantages and disadvantages. It also will include simulated laboratory and real-world activities.

The class on tractor operation, repair and maintenance addresses one of the most-cited needs identified by farmers during the extensive outreach by the Governor's Council on Agricultural Development. It will be taught by Chris Laurentus, a 2012 graduate of the Nonnewaug agriscience program.

The fee is \$125 for each course, but \$50 scholarships to defray the cost are available from the NVCC Foundation on a first-come, first-served basis.

More information is available at www.nv.edu/Non-Credit/Agriculture.

"Not all farmers have the time and resources to enroll in our traditional credit programs, but still require training in some specific areas," said Christopher J. Tuccio, program coordinator and Assistant Professor of Horticulture at NVCC. "These courses are hopefully just the first step toward expanding our ability to train farmers in technical skills and fundamental scientific principles that will help maximize their efficiency and profitability."

The courses were conceived earlier this year during discussions of the Producer Education and Innovation working group of the GCAD.

Comsr. Reviczky said the courses are another way that his agency is working with a broad spectrum of partners to continue to boost the agricultural economy in Connecticut, which leads New England in the growth of new farms over the last five years.

Future plans include offering more ag courses at locations around the state, and developing curriculum for certificate programs that ultimately could be stacked to earn an associate's degree.

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MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT, Sept. 15, 2014

	Low	High
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	45.00	50.00
61-75 lbs.	55.00	75.00
76-90 lbs.	215.00	220.00
91-105 lbs.	225.00	230.00
106 lbs. & up	240.00	245.00
Farm Calves	250.00	260.00
Starter Calves	48.00	58.00
Veal Calves	155.00	240.00
Open Heifers	135.00	155.00
Beef Steers	127.00	145.00
Beef Heifers	116.00	120.00
Feeder Steers	120.00	165.00
Stock Bulls	122.50	170.00
Beef Bulls	124.00	133.00
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	13.00	40.00
Butcher Hogs	n/a	n/a
Goats each	125.00	370.00
Kid Goats	50.00	130.00
Canners	up to	113.00
Cutters	114.00	117.00
Utility Grade Cows	118.00	120.00
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Rabbits each	5.00	25.00
Chickens each	3.00	8.50
Ducks each	4.00	20.00
Feeder Pigs	4 at	80.00
Lambs	70.00	260.00
Sheep	90.00	170.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA, HOG AUCTION

Sold by actual weights; prices quoted by hundred wt.

		Low	High
49-54	200-300 lbs	74.00	78.00
	300-400 lbs	77.00	80.00
54-58	200-300 lbs	76.00	80.00
	300-400 lbs	n/a	
Sows, US1-3	300-500 lbs	60.00	66.00
	500-700 lbs	65.50	67.50
Boars	630-800 lbs	39.00	40.50

DIRECT TO CONSUMER**RETAIL BEEF****VERMONT GRASS FED (\$ / LB)**

TENDERLOIN	15.00	22.00
BL RIBEYE	12.00	22.00
NY STRIP	13.25	19.00
T-BONE	11.25	20.00
SIRLOIN	8.00	15.00
FLANK STEAK	6.00	12.00
SKIRT STEAK	7.00	11.50
SHORT RIBS	5.00	9.00

**WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES
NEW ENGLAND GROWN**

	LOW	HIGH
BLUEBERRIES 12/1PT,PULP	40.00	48.00
BEAN,Cranberry,BU	35.00	40.00
BEAN GREEN,MACH PICK,BU	16.00	18.00
BEAN GREEN,BU,HAND PICK	24.00	28.00
BEAN WAX, BU	24.00	25.00
BROCCOLI,CROWNS,20LB	16.00	22.00
BEET,12'S	12.00	12.00
ARRUGULA,24'S	12.00	12.00
COLLARD	10.00	12.00
CORN,5DZ	8.00	11.00
BEET,GOLD,12'S	24.00	24.00
DILL 24'S	14.00	14.00
EGGPLANT,1 1/9 BU	10.00	13.00
KALE,12'S	10.00	14.00
KOHLRABI 12'S	16.00	16.00
POTATOES,5/10LB	12.00	13.00
RADISHES,24'S	14.00	14.00
PEPPER,CUBANELLE 11/9BU	12.00	12.00
PEPPER,JALAPENO,1/2BU	10.00	10.00
PEPPER,BELL, GREEN XL	8.00	10.00
PEPPERS TRNING RED LGE	8.00	9.00
RHUBARB 20 IB LGE	35.00	35.00
SQUASH,YELLOW,FCY,1/2BU	18.00	18.00
SQUASH,YELLOW,MED,1/2BU	10.00	14.00
SQUASH, GREEN,FCY,1/2BU	10.00	12.00
SQUASH, GREEN,MED,1/2BU	8.00	10.00
SWISS CHARD,12'S	16.00	18.00
PARSNIPS,25LB	22.00	23.00
GRAPE,CONCORD,8/1QT	26.00	28.00
APPLE,MCINTOSH,96CT XFCY	28.00	32.00
APPLE,GALA,80CT,XFCY	32.00	34.00
APPLE,MCINTOSH,12/3	24.00	24.00
PEAR,BARTLETT,4/5BU	28.00	30.00
PEACHES 1/2BU,YELLOW,2 1/2	24.00	24.00
PEACHES 22LB,WHITE,2 1/2	24.00	26.00
PLUM,BLACK,20LB	30.00	30.00

WHOLESALE SEASONAL NEW ENGLAND

INDIAN CORN,20/3'S	25.00	25.00
PUMPKIN,HOWDEN,36"BIN,JBO	200.00	225.00
PUMPKIN,Pie,sm,36"bin,med	300.00	300.00
PUMPKIN,Pie,1 1/9bu	20.00	20.00
SQUASH,Acorn,1 1/9bu	14.00	15.00
SQUASH,BUTTERNUT,1 1/9BU	14.00	15.00
SQUASH,KABOCHA,1 1/9BU	18.00	25.00
SQUASH,SPAGHETTI,1 1/9BU	24.00	28.00

WHOLESALE TOMATOES, NEW ENGLAND

PLUM,25LB	14.00	16.00
CHERRY,12/1 PT	12.00	16.00
GRAPE,12/1PT	12.00	18.00
FIELD,25LB	10.00	20.00
HEIRLOOM,10 LB	20.00	28.00

PA LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Average Dressing

SLAUGHTER COWS:	Low	High
breakers 75-80% lean	109.50	114.00
boners 80-85% lean	104.25	109.00
lean 85-90% lean	96.75	102.25
CALVES graded bull		
No 110-120lbs	265.00	300.00
No 2 110-120lbs	236.75	272.50
No 3 80-12 0lbs	170.00	231.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
HiCh/Prm2-3	159.25	162.00
Ch2-3	155.25	158.50
Sel2-3	150.50	154.00
SLAUGHTER STEERS.		
HiCh/prm3-4	161.50	165.75
Ch2-3	157.25	161.00
Sel2-3	153.25	157.00
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEINS		
HiCh/prm3-4	145.50	151.25
Ch2-3	139.00	142.75
Sel2-3	128.75	132.00
VEALERS	43.75	95.75
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: ch/pr 2-3		
50-70lbs	200.00	218.00
70-80lb	228.00	232.00
90-110lbs	206.00	214.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: good 2-3		
100-160lbs	90.00	114.00
160-190lbs	82.00	97.00
Bucks		
140-180.lbs	106.00	122.00
200-250lbs	82.00	127.00
SLAUGHTER GOATS: Sel.1, by head, est.		
20-40lb	n/a	n/a
40-60lb	140.00	187.00
60-80lb	170.00	200.00
80-100lb	180.00	215.00
Nannies/Does: 120-160lbs	160.00	175.00
130-180lbs	n/a	
Bucks/Billies: 110-150lbs	215.00	277.00
150-170lbs	230.00	275.00

NORTHEAST EGG PRICES USDA

Per doz. Grade A and Grade A white in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	1.17	1.21
LARGE	1.15	1.19
MEDIUM	.98	1.02

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

Per doz. Grade A brown in carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	1.66	1.76
LARGE	1.62	1.72
MEDIUM	1.25	1.35

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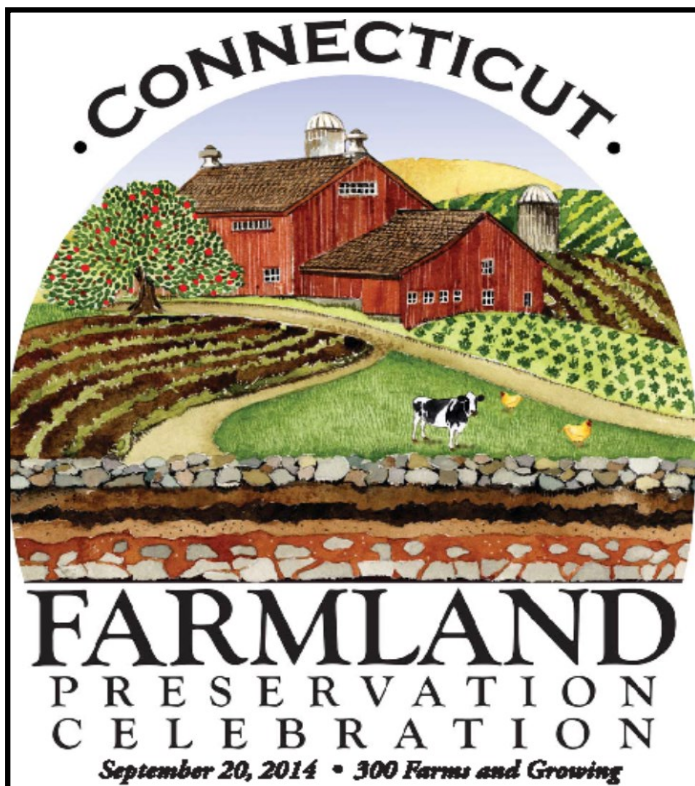
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The NVCC program will complement adult education courses offered for many years by the Ellis Clark Regional Agriscience and Technology Program at Nonnewaug High School.

The Nonnewaug program began around 1920. It has evolved from a handful of boys who grew up on farms to over 340 students - nearly half of the high school - from 20 different surrounding towns.

Bill Davenport, director of the Nonnewaug program, noted that the original purpose of the 19 regional agriscience programs around the state was to provide instruction for high school students during the day and then offer adult education in the evenings.

This fall's adult Nonnewaug course choices include Beekeeping, Sausage Production, Meat Cutting, Fly Fishing, Readyng Your Garden for Winter, Pruning, Composting, Cheese Making, Introduction to Raising Poultry at Home and Introduction to Welding.

There is a \$15 per night fee to cover the instructor's expenses as well as provide refreshments during classes. Some of the courses may have additional fees to cover needed supplies, and most are limited to the first 20 registrations received.

A complete listing of all course dates, titles, description, instructor information, and the course registration form for this session's course offerings are available at www.woodburyffa.org.

"We are excited to be the pilot agriscience school to help make this collaboration with the Dept. of Agriculture and NVCC happen," Davenport said. "Both of these programs present a great opportunity for adults throughout the state to learn more about farming and participate in the ongoing expansion of agriculture in Connecticut."



**Contact NVCC to
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continuinged@nv.edu**

CT FARM WINE BOOTH AT BIG E RELOCATED, REDESIGNED FOR BETTER SERVICE

Visitors to the Connecticut Building at the Big E this year will notice an upgrade to the Dept. of Agriculture's wine booth.

Sponsored by the CT Farm Wine Development Council, the booth was moved to a more prominent place in the building, directly across from the state's Office of Tourism booth.

The booth also was redesigned to allow visitors to step out of the flow of foot traffic and better engage with the wineries.

"This upgrade will help showcase the outstanding wines produced by our farm wineries across the state," said Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky, who chairs the farm wine development council.

For the second year, visitors will be able to sample wines from one 10 wineries participating in the fair. Visitors may receive up to five free, one-ounce samples from the featured winery of the day.

Also, a new "bottle check" option this year allows visitors to purchase a bottle of wine and leave it at the booth to be picked up later.

The Dept. of Agriculture also host two other booths in the building, housing a variety of exhibits and vendors, including CT Grown produce and other foods.

The fair runs from Sept. 12-28, with Connecticut Day being celebrated on Sept. 17.



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